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Turn to 10 WJAR spoke to Professor Jared Goldstein about implications of U.S. Supreme Court's latest 5-to-4 decision deregulating election spending.

**From TURN TO 10 (WJAR):** "[Campaign finance ruling may invalidate RI law](#)" by Bill Rappleye



**APRIL 3, 2014:** The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a

limit on campaign donations, saying it is fundamental free speech. For candidates, it means rich people will be able to give to more candidates -- and that's Republican or Democratic. Opponents to the decision fear it will mean more influence for the wealthy, and Rhode Island may have to change its laws to match the new federal standards.

The ruling by the Supreme Court on Wednesday was not unexpected, observers say.



"The court has been very consistent ever since Justice Roberts and Justice Alito joined the court, they've struck down every campaign finance statute that's come before them," **said Jared Goldstein, a professor at the Roger Williams University law school.**

[...] **Goldstein said** this trend probably won't stop with this decision.

"The strong implication of the decision yesterday is that much of our campaign finance law will be held to be unconstitutional unless there's a change in the composition of the court," **Goldstein said.**

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